

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An image reading apparatus includes a reading part reading original, a time measuring part being able to measure different times selectively, and a defining part determining separation of sheets of the original read by the reading part. The time measuring part selects a time to be measured according to a predetermined condition, and the defining part determines the separation of sheets of the original when the selected time has elapsed without an operation concerning a subsequent reading operation being performed after a reading operation of the reading part is stopped.